# 21st ANNUAL FBA BANKRUPTCY SECTION SEMINAR



JULY 23, 24 & 25, 2009

# THOMPSONVILLE, MICHIGAN

SEMINAR CHAIR: W. FRANCESCA FERGUSON EDUCATIONAL CHAIR: HONORABLE JAMES D. GREGG

SPONSORED BY THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION
- BANKRUPTCY SECTION WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN



# TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL FBA BANKRUPTCY SECTION SEMINAR CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN, THOMPSONVILLE, MICHIGAN JULY 23-25, 2009

## **SEMINAR SCHEDULE**

Seminar Chair.

**Educational Chair** 

Thursday, July 23

4:00-

Registration: Crystal Mountain,

6:00 p.m.

Thompsonville, Michigan

6:00-10:00 p.m. Opening Reception
Crystal Mountain Lodge

Friday, July 24

7:00-

Registration and Buffet

8:00 a.m.

Breakfast

Educational Session A 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

(Concurrent Sessions, CHOOSE ONE)

Federal Tax Issues

Moderator

Terry L Zabel, Esq.,

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Panelists

Robert D Heitmeyer, Esq, John W Stevens, Esq,

U S Dept of Treasury Office of Chief Counsel Detroit, Michigan

Chapter 7 Issues

Moderator

Hon James D Gregg,

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Panelists:

Stephen B Grow, Esq, Grand Rapids, Michigan James W. Boyd, Esq, Traverse City, Michigan

Starting the Case

Panelists:

Robert F Wardrop, Esq, Grand Rapids, Michigan Steven L Rayman, Esq, Kalamazoo, Michigan Andrew J Gerdes, Esq, Lansing, Michigan

9:00 - 9:10 a.m. BREAK

Educational Session B 9:10 a.m.-10:10 a.m.

(Concurrent Sessions, CHOOSE ONE)

W. Francesca Ferguson

Honorable James D. Gregg

Chapter 11 Issues:

Moderator

Panelists.

Robert H Skilton, Esq., Grand Rapids, Michigan

Hon Phillip J Shefferly,

Detroit, Michigan
Timothy J Curtin, Esq,
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Damiel F Gosch, Esq,
Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Exemption Issues** 

Moderator

Professor Anne Lawton,

MSU College of Law

Panelists

Hon Scott W. Dales, Grand Rapids, Michigan Lori L Purkey, Esq., Grand Rapids, Michigan

U.S. Trustee Issues

Moderator

Matthew T Cronin, Esq, Grand Rapids, Michigan Marcia R Meoli, Esq.,

Panelists

Holland, Michigan

A Todd Almassian, Esq,
Grand Rapids, Michigan

10:10 - 10:20 BREAK

Educational Session C 10:20 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.

(Concurrent Sessions, CHOOSE ONE)

**Automotive Supplier Issues** 

Moderator

Professor James J White, U of M Law School

Panelists:

Hon Steven W Rhodes,

Detroit, Michigan
Patrick E Mears, Esq,
Grand Rapids, Michigan
John T Gregg, Esq,
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Chapter 13 Issues

Moderator

Hon Daniel S Opperman Bay City, Michigan

Panelists

Hon Thomas J Tucker, Detroit, Michigan Robert A Byrd, Esq, Biloxi, Mississippi

William J. Greene, Esq., Muskegon, Michigan



# TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL FBA BANKRUPTCY SECTION SEMINAR CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN, THOMPSONVILLE, MICHIGAN JULY 23-25, 2009

Chapter 7 Trustees' Requirements

Moderator John A Porter, Esq.,

Belmont, Michigan

Panelists Jeff A Moyer, Esq.,

Wyoming, Michigan Scott A Chernich, Esq, Lansing Michigan

Educational Session D 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

(Concurrent Sessions, CHOOSE ONE)

Appeals

Moderator Hon Marci B McIvor,

Detroit Michigan

Panelists Hon Robert J Jonker,

Grand Rapids, Michigan Hon Steven W Rhodes, Detroit, Michigan

Nondischargeable Debts Issues

Moderator Hon Jeffrey R Hughes,

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Panelists Sandra S Hamilton, Esq.

Grand Rapids, Michigan James R. Oppenhuizen, Esq., Grand Rapids, Michigan

Chapter 13 Plan Preparation

Panelists Hon Walter Shapero,

Detroit, Michigan Mary K. Viegelahn, Esq., Kalamazoo, Michigan Brett N. Rodgers, Esq., Grand Rapids. Michigan James M. Keller, Esq. Grand Rapids. Michigan

12:30 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

12:30 p.m. DEBTORS' BAR

**MEETING** 

12:30 p.m. GOLF OUTING - Betsie

Valley Course and Mountain

Ridge Course

6:30 p.m. to BBQ DINNER (Food service

9:00 p.m. from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.)

Saturday, July 25

7:30-8:00 a.m. COFFEE, JUICE & ROLLS

Educational Program Plenary Session

8:00-8:45 a.m.

Keynote Speaker

Professor Naveen Khanna

A.J. Pasant Endowed Chair in Finance

Michigan State University Broad College of Business

"The Current State of Our Economy"

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

ClerkSpeak: Michigan Bankruptcy Decisions

Moderator Jahel H Nolan, Esq.,

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Panclists Carrie A Foster, Esq.,

Grand Rapids, Michigan Wendy K Lappenga, Esq, Grand Rapids, Michigan Kelli B Dexter, Esq, Detroit, Michigan Melanie R Beyers, Esq, Bay City, Michigan

10:10-11:00 BUFFET BRUNCH

(FBA Meeting & Awards)

11:00-12:00 Sixth Circuit Revisited

Moderator Hon James D Gregg,

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Panelists Hon Scott W Dales,

Grand Rapids, Michigan Hon Marci B McIvor, Detroit, Michigan Hon Daniel S Opperman, Bay City, Michigan Hon Phillip J Shefferly,

Detroit, Michigan Hon Walter Shapero, Detroit, Michigan Hon Thomas J Tucker,

Detroit, Michigan

### **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

	E GIVER ENERGISTRATION	
NAME	BUSINESS	
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE ZIP	
TELEPHONE ( )	WILL SPOUSE OR GUEST BE ATTENDING	9
	WILL STOUDD ON GOLD! BE HITENDING	
PLEASE CHOOSE ONE	TOPIC FOR EACH FRIDAY SESSION (4 selections necessary	<u>)</u> .
SESSION A (choose 1)		
☐ Federal Tax Issues		
☐ Chapter 7 Issues		
☐ Starting the Case		
SESSION B (choose 1)		
☐ Chapter 11 Issues		
☐ Exemption Issues		
☐ U.S Trustee Issues		
SESSION C (choose 1)		
☐ Automotive Supplier Iss	nes	
☐ Chapter 13 Issues	uco	
☐ Chapter 7 Trustees' Requ	uirements	
SESSION D (choose 1)	an enfolito	
☐ Appeals		
☐ Nondischargeable Debt I	ssues	
☐ Chapter 13 Plan Preparat	ion	
-		
I WILL BE ATTENDING	THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:	
CONFEDENCE PROYOTY	NATION AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY	
CONFERENCE REGISTS	RATION (July 3, 2009 & earlier)	
Pagistration f	paralegals; \$295.00 for others	
LATE REGISTRATION FF	fee waived for judicial law clerks, judges, and conference speakers E (after July 3, 2008, add \$25.00)	
	Σ (arter stary 5, 2006, arta φ25,00 )	
COCKTAIL RECEPTION	7-23-09 (guests invited to attend)	N/C
□ BUFFET BREAKFAST 7-3	24-09 (conference attendees only)	N/C
□ COTTEE, JUICE AND RU	OLLS 7-25-09 (conference attendees only)	N/C
■ BUFFET BRUNCH 7-25-0	9 (conference attendees only)	N/C
□ BUFFET DINNER 7-24-08		
	of adults x \$30.00 per guest	
	A TOTAL PARTIES OF THE PARTIES OF TH	
Number o	of children 5-12 years of age x \$12 00 per child	
Number o	of children under 4 years of age – free	
GOLF EVENT OPTION (inclu	ides greens fees, cart, gifts, prizes)	
GOLF OUTING		
Tee times 12.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.	m. on Friday, July 25, 2009	****
I would like to play the Betsi	e Valley Course (\$65.00)	
Мош	ntam Ridge Course (\$85,00)	
I would like to be some I will		
FOTAL PNCLOSED		
I O I AL ENCLUSED	***************************************	\$
TUBING OPTION CALL IF	FF ALANDT at (231) 941-7766 ASAD to masses a second	ha a'ara a mara a na
CALLUE	FF ALANDT at (231) 941-7766, ASAP, to reserve a spot for tubing on t	ne river on Friday afternoon
MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION	FORM & CHECK TO: Federal Bar Association, c/o W. Francesca Ferg	uson P.O. 208 Grand Panide
Michigan 49501-0208 Questio	ns: Call Fran Ferguson at (616) 456-2404.	ason, 1.0. 200, Grand Rapids,

SEE CONFERENCE INFORMATION REGARDING CANCELLATION POLICY.



Group Name: Federal Bar Association - Bankruptcy Seminar

Dates: July 22, 2009-July 25, 2009

Group #: 4591EG Issued: 4/1/09

Reservations may be made utilizing this form or by booking online Reservations must be made by June 22, 2009. Reservations received after this date will be taken on a space-available basis. To make an online reservation, go to http://www.crystalmountain.com/grouplodging. Use 4591EG for your group code

Accommodations: Please indicate your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> lodging preference below. If room type requested is not available, the next available room type and rate will be confirmed We cannot guarantee specific rooms/units. Additional unit types are available beyond those listed Please inquire with reservation staff for additional options

Check-in: 4:00pm		Check-out: 11:00am		
Room	Single/Double : Rate		nticate 17 A 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Hotel Room	\$ 179			
Suite	\$ 209			
One Bedroom Condo	\$ 239	<del></del>		
One Bedroom Kinlochen	\$ 309			
Two Bedroom Condo	7	\$ 309	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
Two Bedroom Cottage / Kinlochen		\$ 379		
Three Bedroom Condo / Home		\$ 379		
Two Bedroom MountainTop Town Home		\$ 459		
Three Bedroom Cottage / Kınlochen/		\$ 459		
Four Bedroom Town Home		\$ 459		
Four Bedroom Resort Home		\$ 549	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Five Bedroom Town Home		\$ 549		
luoted rates are subject to 6% state tax, 2% local assessment an	d 8% service fee	Ψ Ο 10		

Package Includes: Lodging Only (per unit, per night)

- Up to 3 children ages 17 & under sleep free when occupying same room with 2 paying adults
- There is a \$20.00 per person, per night charge for additional adults above the quoted occupancy.
- All units are non-smoking Decks are available upon request, based on availability
- Credit card imprint is required at check-in for all guests
- There are no refunds on unused portions of lodging or package stays.

Deposits. A deposit equal to the first night's lodging is required with each reservation. Please make check or money order payable to Crystal Mountain or include a credit card number. Do not send cash

Cancellation Policy: Deposit is fully refundable if cancellation is made 14 days prior to your arrival date. If canceled within 14 days of arrival, deposit is non-refundable. If changed within 14 days of arrival, you are responsible for your entire lodging or package stay

Group #: 4591EG	<u>ī</u>	Please Print		
Arrival Date:	Departure Date:	Number of Adults in Part	y Children 17 & ı	ınder:
Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.:				
		e: Zip:		
e-mail Address:				(Work)
Special requests: (handıca * Crystal Mountain does	p accessible, etc.):	ate requests, but cannot gual		
Signature:			Date.	
Name as it appears on Car	d:			
Please mail or fax to:	Crystal Mountain	Fax:	231-378-4879	

12500 Crystal Mountain Drive Thompsonville, MI 49683

Phone: 231-378-2000

Reservations Only: 800-968-7686



#### CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN ACCOMMODATIONS

All units are non-smoking and feature. Air conditioning, satellite television, microwave, coffee maker, toaster, video player, hairdryer, iron and ironing board Efficiency kitchens include: Small refrigerator, microwave, plates, bowls, utensils

Full kitchens include: Full size appliances (refrigerator, oven, dishwasher, stove), standard cooking and serving utensils

#### RESORT HOTEL ROOM

COLONY units are conveniently located next to Kinlochen Lodge & Clubhouse Some feature full kitchens and fireplaces • Two queen beds • Bathtub with whirlpool jets • Efficiency kitchen

HAMLET units are located next to the Lodge and the Peak, Crystal's indoor pool & fitness center. Two barrier-free units are available. One queen bed, plus either a second queen bed, queen Sico bed or queen sofa sleeper. Whirlpool for two. Efficiency kitchen

1 BEDROOM SUITE – INN UNITS are located at the heart of the resort, base of the slopes, next to the Crystal Center and the Wild Tomato Restaurant Ideal for the meeting attended and social guest alike • Private bedroom with queen bed • Double whirlpool tub • Efficiency kitchen • Electronic work station with integral voice & data ports • Living area with queen sized Sico bed • High quality task area with natural lighting and comfortable seating.

#### 1 BEDROOM CONDOMINIUM

PINEHURST Condos are located along the Betsic Valley Course, across from Kinlochen Lodge & Clubhouse and Nordic Center • Living room with fireplace and sofa sleeper • One bedroom with king bed • One bath including tub with whirlpool jets • Full kitchen • Dining area • Private outdoor deck overlooking the Betsie Valley Course

WINTERGREEN Condos are located among the trees lining the Betsie Valley Course, adjacent to the tennis courts, and just steps away from the slopes. Living room with fireplace & Sico bed. One bedroom with queen bed. One bath including tub with whirlpool jets. Full kitchen. Dining area. Private outdoor deck overlooking the Betsie Valley Course.

KINLOCHEN Condos are located in Kinlochen Lodge & Clubhouse overlooking the Betsie Valley course and the ski slopes • Living room with fireplace & queen sofa sleeper • One bedroom with two queen beds • One bath including tub with whiripool jets • Full kitchen • Dining area

#### 2 BEDROOM CONDOMINIUM

WINTERGREEN Condos are beautifully situated among the trees iming the Betsie Valley Course, just steps away from the slopes • Living room with fireplace • Master bedroom with one queen bed and giant whirlpool for two with skylight • Guest bedroom with queen bed • Full kitchen • Dining area • Private outdoor deck overlooking the Course • Two full baths

KINLOCHEN Condos are located in Kinlochen Lodge & Clubhouse overlooking the Betsie Valley course and the ski slopes • Living room with fireplace, some with sofa sleeper • Master bedroom with one king or two queen beds • Guest bedroom with varied bedding • I wo baths including one tub with whirlpool jets • Full kitchen • Dining area

#### 2-3 BEDROOM COTTAGE

COTTAGES AT WATER'S EDGE Bungalows are beautifully situated among small ponds and streams, adjacent to the Park at Water's Edge and just steps away from the village center • Living room with fireplace or woodstove and queen sofa sleeper • Master bedroom with one king bed • Two baths, one with single whirlpool tub • Full kitchen • Dining area • Screened-in porch

#### 3 BEDROOM CONDOMINIUM

WINTERGREEN Condos are beautifully situated among the trees lining the Betsic Valley Course, adjacent to the tennis courts, and just steps from the slopes. Living room with fireplace. Master bedroom with queen bed and giant whirlpool for two with skylight. Dining area. One bedroom with queen bed and giant whirlpool for two with skylight. Dining area. One bedroom with queen bed. One bedroom with two sets of bunk beds. Two full baths. Full kitchen. Private outdoor deck overlooking the Betsie Valley Course.

KINLOCHEN Condos are located in Kinlochen Lodge & Clubhouse overlooking the Betsie Valley course and the ski slopes • Living room with fireplace and sofa sleeper • Master bedroom with one king bed • Guest bedroom with two queen beds • Guest bedroom with varied bedding • Two baths including one tub with whirlpool jets • Full kitchen • Dining area

#### 2-3 BEDROOM TOWN HOME

MOUNTAINTOP Town Homes are perched upon the ridgetop overlooking the ski slopes Gracious decorator-appointed units • Living room with fireplace • Three baths • Master suite with king bed and double whirlpool • Guest bedroom • Living room with sofa sleeper • Family room with varied bedding • Full kitchen • Dining area • Private decks with views.

PINEHURST GREEN Town Homes are situated along the Betsie Valley Course • Living room with fireplace • Master bedroom with full bath and whiripool for two • Guest bedroom with queen bed • Loft bedroom • Guest bath • Private outdoor deck overlooking the Golf Course • Full kitchen • Dining area

4-5 BEDROOM TOWN HOME - MOUNTAINSIDE Town Homes are set among beech, maple and aspen trees along the Mountain Ridge course • Living room with fireplace • three to four baths • Master suite with whirlpool • Guest bedrooms • Full kitchen • Dining area • Private decks overlooking the Golf Course

3-5 BEDROOM RESORT HOMES - RESORT HOMES are fully furnished, privately owned vacation homes • Individual homes vary in architectural style • Living room with fireplace • Three to five bedrooms • Two to three baths, some may include a whirlpool • Some homes feature patio decks and fairway locations • Full kitchen • Dining room

### **CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

<u>HOTEL RESERVATIONS</u> – Please see the Crystal Mountain reservation form enclosed. Rooms held until <u>JUNE 22, 2009</u>. HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup> AND DIRECTLY WITH CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN.

<u>TRAVEL</u> – Crystal Mountain is located 28 miles southwest of Traverse City on M-115. From the Detroit area take I-75 north to US-10 west to M-115 west. From Grand Rapids take US 131 north to Cadillac, exit M-115 west. 39 miles to Crystal. From Traverse City take US-31 south to Thompsonville Rd. (County Road 669) which is 10 miles west of Interlochen. Follow County Road 669 south to Thompsonville. Turn right at blinker light, 2 miles to Crystal. From Manistee take US-31 21 miles north to County Road 602, turn east, then 8 miles to M-115. Turn west to Crystal's entrance.

GOLF EVENT - This is an optional event. The FBA has a limited number of tee times reserved for Friday afternoon on the Betsie Valley course and the Mountain Ridge course. These are four-star rated golf courses. The cost is \$65.00 for the Betsie Valley course and \$85.00 for the Mountain Ridge course. The cost includes green fees, carts. gifts and prizes.

Please note that there are only three available tee times on the Betsie Valley course. All tee times begin at approximately 1:00 p.m. Requests for a specific course will be honored as space permits. FIRST COME FIRST SERVED! Any tee time not reserved on or before July 8, 2009 will be released.

Reservations are made by completing and returning the Conference Registration form. DO NOT CONTACT THE RESORT REGARDING THIS GOLF EVENT. We are unable to refund any golf fees after July 8, 2009. If you have any questions regarding golf please contact Lori Purkey at (616) 940-0553.

<u>BUFFET DINNER</u> – Join us for a special dinner on Friday night on the Lawn. Ribs, chicken, garden salad, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, corn on the cob, strawberry shortcake. Cash bar.

## **CONFERENCE ATTIRE** - Casual.

ACTIVITIES - CALL JEFF ALANDT @ 231-941-7766, to reserve space if you are interested in tubing on Friday afternoon. On-site recreation includes golf, tennis, health and fitness center, indoor and outdoor pools and hot tubs, and a full service spa. More info at www.crystalmountain.com. Off-site hiking and biking trails. fishing, canoeing, and shopping. More info at <a href="https://www.visitbenzie.com">www.visitbenzie.com</a>.

<u>SEMINAR REGISTRATION FEES</u> – The conference fee is \$245.00 for paralegals and \$295.00 for all others. A \$25.00 late fee will be charged to all reservations received after July 3, 2009. The conference fee is waived for judicial law clerks, judges, and conference speakers.

<u>SEMINAR CANCELLATION POLICY</u> - On or before July 3, 2009, a full seminar registration refund will be given; after that date, a full refund less \$75.00 will be given (you will receive the seminar materials). Cancellations received after July 14, 2008 will not receive a refund (you will receive the seminar materials).

<u>SEMINAR MATERIALS</u> – If you are unable to attend the seminar, the seminar materials are available for purchase while supplies last. The fee for materials is \$75.00. Materials will be mailed after the seminar. Please direct your request for materials to Federal Bar Association, c/o W. Francesca Ferguson, P.O. 208, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501-0208.